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## New WJC claim on Waldheim war role

NEW YORK. — U.S. lawyers at the Nuremberg war crimes trials in 1947 made use of a secret 1944 report signed by Lieutenant Kurt Waldheim, who was to become U.N. secretary-general, as evidence of Nazi crimes in Greece in World War II. The World Jewish Congress (WJC) claimed here yesterday.

"It seems now that a major criminal investigation is warranted," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the WJC. "The most important thing we want to do is find out the truth and set the historic record right."

The report, dated April 11, 1944, was docketed NOKW-935 by the tribunal. It contained 11 documents seized in the headquarters of the high command of Army Group-E in which Wehrmacht Lieutenant Waldheim served, the WJC said.

The Waldheim report said that "several Communists have been executed during the raid in Athens" and mentioned "bandit activities" — a term used by the German armed forces to describe partisan operations — south of Heraklion, Crete.

The WJC claimed that the report, found last week in the U.S. National Archives, was read out at the tribunal on August 18, 1947 by American prosecutors who were indicting a German officer named Wilhelm List and 11 other officers for a massacre of hostages and the destruction of hundreds of villages in the Balkans.

Nine of the officers were found guilty and imprisoned, the WJC said.

In Vienna, meanwhile, Waldheim has sent a letter to Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger denying accusations against him contained in a secret U.N. War Crimes Commission file, a spokesman for Waldheim said yesterday.

The spokesman said Waldheim sent the letter Sunday, three days after Kirchschlaeger invited him to comment on the allegations.

Only states can request access to the War Crimes Commission files, and the contents of Waldheim's dossier have been kept confidential. But knowledgeable sources say they are based on documents provided by Yugoslavia accusing him of involvement in reprisals against civilians.

In a related development, 600 people paid for space in the weekly *Profil* newsmagazine to call on Waldheim to withdraw from the presidential race because his candidacy "has devastating consequences for our country."

In a meeting yesterday with Kirchschlaeger, a delegation of Jewish students in Austria and Europe also expressed fear that the Waldheim controversy was feeding anti-Semitism.

Kirchschlaeger said afterwards that he would work towards "building up the climate of trust that in the last few decades had characterized the coexistence between the [Austrian] Jewish community and the rest of Austrians." (AFP/AP)

## War crimes trial opens in Zagreb

ZAGREB (Reuters). — Alleged Nazi war criminal Andrija Arukovic, who was extradited from the U.S. in February, went on trial here yesterday, accused of mass murder. The court rejected arguments that he was too ill and demented to face prosecution.

Arukovic, 86, was interior minister of the independent state of Croatia set up by Croatian fascists in collaboration with occupying Nazi forces during World War II. Arukovic, who has pleaded innocent, avoided extradition for 35 years and was brought here after exhausting his appeals in American courts.

He was helped into his seat in a bullet-proof glass booth in the district court here yesterday and sat impassively as five judges opened the proceedings, which are expected to last two weeks. He responded promptly and coherently when called on to identify himself, but later appeared to doze in court.

At least 900,000 Serbs, Jews, Gypsies and Croats are said to have been butchered in Croatian camps or machine-gunned in open fields.

## Flatto jumps bail in Italy; flies to Lod from Zurich

By YORAM GAZIT

For the Jerusalem Post  
Businessman and former Knesset member Shmuel Flatto-Sharon arrived yesterday evening at Ben-Gurion Airport after jumping bail in Italy. He was on a Swissair flight from Zurich.

Flatto-Sharon had been awaiting extradition to France on charges of fraud and tax evasion. He was arrested by Interpol on October 27 last year while on a business trip to Italy.

After being held in prison for three months, he was released on bail. While his extradition to France was being processed, he had to deposit his passport with the Milan police and report to them every evening.

At 6 p.m. yesterday, Flatto-Sharon, impeccably dressed as ever, walked out of the airport terminal smiling. His hair was dyed and he looked much thinner than when he left Israel.

"I'm happy to be home. The Israeli nation is my nation," he said. He was met by his daughter, Hilda Gozlan, his lawyer, Yitzhak Lalo, and relatives. A crowd of onlookers applauded.

Flatto-Sharon refused to say how he had left Italy, but revealed that he had been traveling without a passport for the last two days.

"When I arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport I identified myself with my former Knesset card. The policeman on duty welcomed me and said 'Don't worry, you are one of us.'"

Asked how he had left Italy for Switzerland, Flatto-Sharon would only comment: "I said *Shma Israel* and took off. It wasn't easy. Only in movies do such operations seem easy."

Flatto-Sharon slammed the Israel Police for helping bring about his arrest in Italy. He said that it had been a mistake for him to go to Italy, and that he does not intend to go abroad in the near future.

He said he was not afraid of being extradited to France now. His lawyer noted that the Italians would not ask for Flatto-Sharon's extradition since they were happy to be rid of him. As for the French, they presented an extradition request to Israel in 1976. In Israel, Sharon would be in a better position to fight this, his lawyer added.

Flatto-Sharon's family had been expecting his return for the last few days and knew exactly when he would arrive.



Knesset members and Peace Now activists were greeted by a hostile crowd of West Bank settlers on the way to Hebron yesterday to hold an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue. Picture shows Citizens Rights' Yossi Sarid MK, Dedi Tsuker secretary-general, and Shulamit Aloni MK, running the gauntlet. (Andre Bruttman)

## Settlers harass MKs on their way to Peace Now meeting in Hebron

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post reporter  
HALHUL. — Scores of whistling, cursing, and shouting West Bank settlers yesterday forced Citizens Rights Movement Knesset members to run the gauntlet on their way to a Peace Now meeting in Hebron.

Troops, outnumbered by the demonstrators, were forced to push and shove to enable the MKs and other dignitaries to get through the throng of demonstrators to waiting military vehicles which drove them to Hebron.

During the scuffles *Haolam Hazeh* editor Uri Avnery was pushed off a three-metre ledge and a taxi carrying Mapam leader Victor Shentov was stoned.

Police arrested three demonstrators. But a well-placed source said the authorities were waiting for orders from Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin or Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev on how to pursue the matter.

Any action could have entailed a clash with the settler movement since its leaders had engineered the disturbances. Using two-way radios, Omiel Schneller, secretary of the

Council of Settlers in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and Shalom Wach, head of Kiryat Arba's local council, issued orders to demonstrators there and at roadblocks. They referred to themselves with code names such as "Independence" and "Chicken."

Military sources said the first incident occurred several kilometres north of here, where settlers set two tyres on fire. No damage was caused.

The main confrontation was at a sharp bend in the road north of this town. The settlers blocked it with stones and cars and within minutes the road was clogged.

MK Yossi Sarid and CRM secretary-general Dedi Tsuker complained to an IDF officer that they had been attacked by hoodlums. The demonstrators immediately began shouting, singing and dancing around them, making it impossible for them to hear each other.

General Ehud Barak, OC Central Command, helicoptered in and asked soldiers to stop the settlers. After considerable pushing the soldiers cleared a path for Sarid, Tsuker and MK Shulamit Aloni.

After they were led away, *Al Fajr* editor Hanna Seniora — one of the

Palestinian leaders slated to take part in peace talks — had to be helped by soldiers and officers to get through the demonstrators.

Avnery appeared to suffer the most. He was knocked to the ground and reportedly spat upon. The settlers resisted soldiers' attempts to lead him through. As Avnery was being led to the kerb, a settler pushed him off a three-metre ledge. Soldiers jumped after the settler and took him away as other settlers shouted: "Child murderer! Traitor! Go to Germany!"

The main body of Peace Now supporters were bused into Hebron via around-about way, skirting roadblocks.

Explaining the action, Kiryat Arba leader Eliakim Haetzni told *The Post*: "Whoever comes here to hug them [the Arabs] is in effect creating a united front of terrorists and Jews. This is tantamount to stabbing us in the heart."

During the entire confrontation the Army and some of the settlers' leaders tried to avoid an escalation. A brigadier-general in the Central Command said later that the author-

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EC imposes arms, travel ban

## Armed action 'on hold' as more pressure on Libya urged

As Washington tightened a lid of official silence yesterday on its plans for possible military action against Libya, eye-witnesses in Britain said many U.S. Air Force tanker and transport planes have flown into the country for the past three days.

British news media reported yesterday that the aircraft movements indicate a U.S. military build-up for a possible strike at Libya. An U.S. Air Force spokesman, however, refused to confirm that any build-up was taking place.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes denied published reports of a meeting between President Reagan and his National Security advisers yesterday morning to discuss prospects for a strike in retaliation for Libya's alleged backing for anti-American terrorism.

"There is no such meeting... I would not use very prominently in my stories the information that foreign policy advisers are gathering on Libya," he told reporters.

He said reports that the National Security Council would meet to discuss options for revenge, particularly for the April 5 bombing of a West Berlin nightclub that killed an American soldier and a Turkish woman, were misleading.

There was no fresh information on movements of the Sixth Fleet armada the U.S. has mustered in the Mediterranean to prepare for possible action.

As far as could be determined, the two aircraft carrier battle groups, comprising some 30 warships and 270 planes, were still steaming off Sicily, about 150 miles north of Tripoli.

Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead said Libyan leader Gaddafi could escape further military action if he signalled his willingness to end Libya's support for "terrorism."

He could do so by "simply calling off the actions that he is now planning," Whitehead said.

He said U.S. intelligence had learned of "literally dozens of future terrorist actions around the world" planned or supported by Gaddafi.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher remained silent on the possible use of British bases for any attack on Libya, but reporters said that at one point Sunday, KC-10A tankers were landing every 20 minutes at Mildenhall Base, 3rd U.S. Air Force headquarters in eastern England.

The Independent Radio News reported that when Thatcher met Saturday with Reagan's special envoy UN Ambassador Vernon Walters, "she is believed to have urged him to use British bases in England and Cyprus as a last resort."

In The Hague, the European Community yesterday bowed to U.S. pressure, announcing an arms ban and restrictions on movement of Libyan diplomats and nationals, and calling on Libya to renounce support for terrorism in favour of respect for international law.

Foreign ministers from the 12 EC nations announced the measures after an emergency meeting.

In an indirect appeal to the U.S. to refrain from military action against Libya, the EC called for restraint on all sides to avoid "further escalation of military tension in the region with all the inherent dangers."

U.S. officials offered a tepid welcome to the European Community moves.

"These are reasonably solid steps," one official said. "Obviously there has been some movement. And that's a good sign," said another.

But the officials who asked not to be identified said the moves announced would not satisfy Washington entirely.

Libyan Prime Minister Jadhalla Azzouzi al-Talbi told journalists in Malta yesterday that his country had no connection with what he called false U.S. allegations against Tripoli. (AP, Reuters)



Writer and philosopher Simone de Beauvoir died in hospital in Paris yesterday, aged 78. Beauvoir, the longtime companion of the late Jean-Paul Sartre, was a pioneer feminist whose book *The Second Sex*, strongly influenced the modern women's liberation movement. This picture of Simone de Beauvoir was taken in 1975, when she was in Israel to receive the Jerusalem Prize. (Obituary, page 2.)

## Refuseniks held days before departure date

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Three Soviet Jews, granted exit visas after an appeal by U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy, were taken away by police yesterday two days before they were due to leave for Israel.

Isai Goldshtein, his wife Lisa and his brother Grigory were detained along with five friends minutes before they were to attend a party in their honour.

## Letter to Peres on Moda'i

### Shamir reserves right on post-rotation option

By SARAH HONIG and ASHER WALLFISH

Jerusalem Post Reporters  
Vice Premier Shamir told Prime Minister Peres yesterday that he does not have any plans to return the finance portfolio to Yitzhak Moda'i after the rotation, but reserves the right to do so. The declaration, which was made in a letter to Peres, came in response to a letter by the premier in which he said Moda'i would be unacceptable to Labour as finance minister for the duration of the national unity government's term in office.

Sources in Shamir's office, however, emphasized that Shamir did not

conceded that even after rotation, Labour would be in a position to block any re-appointment of Moda'i to the Finance Ministry.

The sources in Shamir's office admitted that, despite the contents of Shamir's letter, the Likud had surrendered to Labour's demands in agreeing to Moda'i switching jobs with Justice Minister Moshe Nissim.

Likud sources said the exchange of letters between Peres and Shamir was actually agreed on beforehand. During negotiations between the parties Sunday, Peres made it known that he would demand nothing more than an oral commitment from Shamir not to reappoint Moda'i to the finance portfolio. Peres said, however, that he would write a letter to the Likud stating that Moda'i would not be permitted to take up the post again.

The Likud ministers agreed to this, deciding among themselves that they would respond to Peres's letter in kind with a written statement from Shamir.

The negotiations over the letters were among several factors that held up the coalition peace accord until Sunday night. But Likud sources said Shamir was the one chiefly responsible for dragging out the crisis. Until Sunday, the sources said, the Likud ministers believed that the solution to the coalition dispute would be to have Shamir take over

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## U.S. envoy reports to Peres on meetings

### Murphy sees Assad in bid to ease tension

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The U.S. has been attempting to reduce tension between Israel and Syria, American Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy confirmed in Jerusalem yesterday.

Murphy was here after meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus and giving him a reassuring message from Israeli leaders about the recent reported tension between the two countries.

Murphy also reported to Peres and Shamir on his talks in Cairo on the Taba issue. The cabinet will apparently have to decide soon whether to accept a compromise

wording of the terms to be presented to an international arbitration commission on the dispute.

Murphy yesterday completed his mission and returned to Washington. Before doing so he met Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij at a reception at the American consulate in Jerusalem. Although the two men denied they were "talking politics", it was learned that they discussed the implications of proposals, now being floated by some circles in Jerusalem, to grant some autonomy to the Gaza Strip.

According to these proposals some form of self-government will



Finance Minister-designate Moshe Nissim learns some of the facts of his new office from outgoing minister Yitzhak Moda'i (Isaac Harari)

## The three jobs Nissim must tackle first

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economics Reporter  
When Moshe Nissim assumes the finance portfolio tomorrow, he will have his hands full, dealing with ongoing wage negotiations between the Histadrut and employers, steering tax legislation through the Knesset, and battling to keep government spending within bounds.

Nissim, who takes office immediately after the Knesset approves his appointment, declared yesterday that he had made a mistake when he voted against the economic plan. He said he had misjudged the public's readiness to make sacrifices to achieve stability. Nissim hinted that no major changes in the economic plan would occur in the near future.

Nissim admitted that he had

almost no experience in economics. "I am aware of the responsibility. Everything will be studied properly, and we shall use consideration, as should be done in such an important and complicated area. It can be learned," he said.

Nissim said that he would seek the advice of outgoing finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i and that "the prime minister has promised me cooperation."

Nissim added that he had never considered moving to the Treasury.

But under the circumstances he thought he had no choice. The country could have become deeply polarized if the cabinet crisis had led to new elections. The prospect of elections would also have caused great damage to the economy.

Deputy Finance Minister Adi Amori will continue in his post under Nissim, even though the law requires Amori to automatically leave his post when the finance minister leaves. Nissim said he planned to keep the deputy minister on.

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CHICAGO	12	14	10	54	104	Cloudy
CONRAD	9	14	10	48	108	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	1	14	7	34	94	Cloudy
GENEVA	4	14	7	39	102	Cloudy
PARIS	4	14	7	39	102	Cloudy
ROME	12	22	10	54	108	Cloudy
ST. LOUIS	12	22	10	54	108	Cloudy
WASHINGTON	12	22	10	54	108	Cloudy
NEW YORK	12	22	10	54	108	Cloudy
LOS ANGELES	12	22	10	54	108	Cloudy
SEATTLE	12	22	10	54	108	Cloudy
TORONTO	12	22	10	54	108	Cloudy
VICENZA	12	22	10	54	108	Cloudy
ZURICH	12	22	10	54	108	Cloudy

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, possible rain			
	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	30	21-25	25
Jericho	30	16-24	20
Nabatieh	43	18-26	26
Safed	46	18-21	19
Haifa Port	45	18-26	26
Tiberias	35	18-26	24
Nazareth	39	21-25	21
Afula	39	18-26	26
Shomron	21	19-26	22
Tel Aviv	41	20-26	22
B-G Airport	40	16-26	23
Jericho	29	30-30	26
Gaza	67	21-29	22
Beer Sheva	21	20-28	25
Eilat	34	21-32	29

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

**Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hilel** yesterday welcomed S. Dhanabalan, the Singapore minister for foreign affairs.

## Goldstein tribute

Hundreds of Zionist leaders and former colleagues and friends of Dr. Israel Goldstein gathered yesterday in the courtyard of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem to pay final tribute to the Zionist leader, who died last Friday at 89.

Goldstein was a prominent American rabbi and Zionist leader. After he made aliya in 1961, he served as world chairman of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal for 10 years.

A large delegation from the Goldstein Youth Village in Jerusalem, named in honor of Goldstein and his wife, attended the funeral. Goldstein was buried in the Sanhedria cemetery. (Itim)

## Painter Holzman

**laid to rest aged 78**

TEL AVIV. — Painter Shimon Holzman was laid to rest at the Holon cemetery yesterday. He died on Saturday and is survived by his wife Paula, as well as by his former wife and two sons.

Born in Polish Galicia 78 years ago, Holzman came to Palestine from Vienna.

He is known for his water colours of Tiberias and Safed, where he also had a home for many years.

## Kollek assaulted

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek was assaulted yesterday in his City Hall office by four members of a family whose fruit and vegetable stand and mini-market had been closed down by municipal inspectors.

City authorities said that the owners had ignored repeated requests to remove their produce from the sidewalk next to the market on Rehov Ein Gedi in the Talpott neighbourhood, and to obtain a business licence for the mini-market.

When the local court refused to rescind the closure orders the family marched into the municipality and went berserk in the mayor's office. One of the family members buried an armchair at the mayor, who was slightly injured.

Police were called in and arrested the four, one of whom is still in custody. The other three were released on bail. Kollek has lodged a formal complaint with the police.

## East J'lem electric bill still rising

**By DAVID RUDGE**

HAIFA. — There is still no solution in sight to the problems of the debt-ridden Jerusalem District Electricity Company, Yitzhak Hofi said here yesterday.

Hofi, general manager of the Israel Electric Corporation, said the Arab-owned East Jerusalem utility owes the corporation around NIS 14 million and the debt is constantly rising.

The corporation had so far recovered NIS 2.6 million through an attachment order on the accounts of the Jerusalem company's biggest clients.

The JDEC has appealed to the Supreme Court against the order, issued by the Jerusalem District Court at the request of the IEC last month, but the case has not yet been heard.

Nevertheless, Hofi stressed that neither the attachment order nor a proposal to repay the debts over a long period represented realistic or lasting solutions to the problem.

## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

# Enthusiastic response to papal visit to synagogue

Euphoria seemed to permeate Jewish and non-Jewish circles alike following Sunday's visit of the pope to the synagogue here.

"I was especially moved when the Holy Father called you 'our elder brothers,'" one Rome priest told *The Jerusalem Post*. "It was beautiful, beautiful!" he added.

More than one observer remarked on the dignity and solemnity of the occasion. And more than one remarked that it was a pity that it had taken so long for such a visit to take place.

Yesterday's headlines synthesized what was felt as the essence of Sunday's encounter: "An Embrace Eradicates 2,000 Years of Division: The Pope Says 'You Are Our Elder Brothers' (*Il Tempo*); "For a Trip of

One Kilometre, Nearly 2,000 Years Were Needed" (*Il Messaggero*).

The Vatican radio devoted a special programme to Sunday's encounter. The pope's voice is heard three times, each time followed by applause from the public. First he is heard saying, "Yes, once again through me, the Church deplores... in the words of the *Nostra Aetate* decree... hatred, persecution and all manifestations of anti-Semitism directed against Jews in all ages and by whomsoever... [pause] I repeat: by whomsoever."

This "whomsoever" has been interpreted as referring to the Church itself.

The second papal selection was, "You are our dearly beloved brothers, and in a certain way, it



The Post's Haim Shapiro and Lisa Palmieri-Billing report from Rome

could be said that you are our older brothers." This sentence too was emphasized by all the media.

The third time the pope's voice was heard on the Vatican radio programme he was heard speaking of "the faith in one God who 'loves strangers' and 'renders justice to the orphan and the widow' (*Deut.*).

commanding us to love and help them [*ibid* and *Lev.*]. Christians have learned this desire of the Lord from the Torah..."

Vatican experts have noted that this — and other statements in his speech — constituted the pope's reply to criticism by Jewish leaders of recent Lenten homilies. It was a way of denying that he was re-proposing obsolete "substitution theology" (in which the "New Covenant" of Christianity, emphasizing love, replaced the "Old Covenant" of just law).

"Jesus... took to its extreme consequences the love demanded by the Torah," he was heard saying in the radio selection — thus emphasizing continuity rather than opposition.

# De Beauvoir — pathfinder for feminist movement

PARIS (AFP). — Simone de Beauvoir, who died here yesterday, aged 78, was an author, feminist and associate of philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre.

Her 1949 book *The Second Sex* has been hailed as a feminist manifesto. She was awarded France's most prestigious literary prize, the Goncourt, for her 1954 book *The Mandarins*.

Born in Paris on January 9, 1908, she became a philosophy teacher in 1929 and taught in French provincial cities before obtaining a Paris appointment.

While taking courses for the philosophy certification examinations, she met Sartre, who had failed the tests the previous year. They both passed the *agregation* certification

exams, and were very close to each other until Sartre's death in 1980, but never married or lived together.

De Beauvoir's last book, *La Ceremonie des Adieux*, published in 1981, describes Sartre's last years and their conversations in preparation for death.

She was president of the Women's Rights League in 1974.

The daughter of an atheist father and a devout Catholic mother, de Beauvoir said in her 1959 *Memoirs of a Distant Daughter* that as an adolescent she had harboured a secret yearning to become a Carmelite.

Alexander Zivell adds:

Simone de Beauvoir did not become a friend of the Jewish people

and Israel overnight. She was deeply influenced on these — as on other questions — by Sartre.

They both welcomed the creation of the State of Israel as a revitalizing human experience. They sympathized with Israel because they saw it as a fitting sequel to the Holocaust. But they both found themselves enmeshed in a painful conflict between their good wishes for Israel and their sympathy for the Arabs. They visited Israel together in March, 1967.

De Beauvoir's disappointment with the repressive Arab regimes followed her disillusionment with Communism and Soviet Russia. She and Sartre found Mapam kibbutzim

very near to the Marxist ideal of the good life. De Beauvoir found Israeli women liberated, independent and creative.

She joined campaigns for granting Soviet Jews the right to emigrate, and protested against Israel's exclusion from the European regional group of Unesco.

In 1975 she was awarded the Jerusalem Prize as an author "whose works express the idea of freedom of man in society." Although she and Sartre had turned down other awards, she accepted the Jerusalem Prize wholeheartedly, as a protest against those who denied Israel and Israeli cultural institutions the right to exist.

# Hebron meeting calls for mutual recognition

**By JOEL GREENBERG**

HEBRON. — In the first public meeting of its kind in the territories, Israeli and Palestinian representatives met yesterday in Hebron to discuss mutual recognition between the two peoples and self-determination for the Palestinians.

About 200 persons, including Knesset members from Labour and left-wing parties, attended the meeting at the Park Hotel, the site of the first Jewish settlement attempt in Hebron in 1968. Peace Now, which

organized the meeting, said it was held to counter the Tebiya convention held this week at Kiryat Arba.

Peace Now spokesman Tzvi Reshef called on Prime Minister Peres to declare his readiness to negotiate with any Palestinian representative willing to talk to Israel, including the PLO "if it will choose the way of negotiation." He called on the government to allow Palestinians in the territories to elect their own representatives, who could join the peace talks with Israel. He also

called on the Palestinians to recognize Israel's right to exist.

The editor of the East Jerusalem newspaper, *Al-Fajr*, Hanna Seniora, called for mutual Palestinian-Israeli recognition on the basis of equal rights. "What is good for Israel should also be good for the Palestinians," he said. He called for a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip with East Jerusalem as its capital.

"We want to work for a two-state solution, not the destruction of

Israel," Seniora said.

Noam Arnon, a Gush Emunim spokesman, started to heckle during Seniora's remarks, shouting, "Do you represent Yasser Arafat? Do you want peace? I want to live in Hebron!" He was ejected from the meeting by Peace Now members.

Mustafa Abdel Nabil Natshe, the deposed mayor of Hebron, thanked Peace Now for its support against "extremist settlers," who he said encouraged extremism among Arabs.

## SETTLERS HARASS MKS

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ties could have broken up the demonstration with clubs — but the price would have been too high.

The Peace Now meeting at Hebron's Park Hotel (see page two) was held under tight security and went off quietly, aside from the interruptions by two hecklers.

After the meeting, Border Police members who closed off the hotel held back dozens of Tebiya Party members who had gathered at the road-block, sounding car horns, whistling and heckling the Peace Now members as they left the scene.

MK Aloni who had been stopped at a settlers' roadblock on the way to the meeting, said at the meeting, "I was never as humiliated as I was today."

MK Ora Nahir of Labour called statements by settlers against the Peace Now meeting "words of violence and terror."

Earlier yesterday, Border Police men shot into the air and fired tear gas to disperse a demonstration by students of the Hebron polytechnic. According to security sources, the disturbances began when one of the students threw stones and fire bombs and unfurled a Palestinian flag. One

of the stones hit a Border Police officer who reportedly lost two teeth. Military sources said about half-a-dozen students were also injured in the clash.

The students barricaded the doors with chairs, and had a stock of bottles on the roof, a military source reported. The source said corridors were littered with glass and on the walls were slogans calling for armed struggle. 70 students were arrested, the source added.

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Earlier yesterday, Border Police men shot into the air and fired tear gas to disperse a demonstration by students of the Hebron polytechnic. According to security sources, the disturbances began when one of the students threw stones and fire bombs and unfurled a Palestinian flag. One

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## SHAMIR

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Likud sources said Shamir began to worry that the Alignment ministers would try to trip him up over Treasury policy between now and October, and generate friction over economic issues so as to show him in a bad light. He feared that if Labour were successful he would carry the burden of being an unsuccessful finance minister in the public's eye, thus damaging his ability to act as premier after rotation.

When Likud MKs first approached Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon about taking the Finance Ministry, he did not reject the proposal out of hand but stipulated that the Likud put his name forward as the sole candidate, not as one on a list of alternatives. Sharon's stipulation led his col-

leagues to drop his name from contention, since they knew the prospects of his being accepted by Labour were slim.

As the day wore on, and the Likud searched for a Liberal who had a portfolio important enough to give Modat in exchange for the Treasury, only one viable candidate was left, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim. Nissim, however, was reluctant to make the trade.

The man who worked hardest to coax him into bowing to party demands seems to have been Ehud Olmert. Nissim reportedly told Olmert, who spent two hours talking on the phone with him and meeting him privately, "You must be crazy to suggest me for the Finance Ministry. Why don't you just go away and get lost?"

It was only after Olmert broke Nissim's resistance late Sunday evening that Shamir agreed to meet Nissim and pop the question to which he already knew the answer, sources said.

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**Father** ז"ל

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**HILDE FLEISCHMANN** ז"ל

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, April 16, 1986 (Nissan 7, 5746) leaving at 2:30 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for Holon Cemetery.

Mourners:  
Husband: Elmir  
Daughter: Ruth Block



Shlomo Leviatan (right) and Aharon Gila in court yesterday. (Lapda)

# IDF officers found guilty in underground blast trial

Two officers of the West Bank Civil Administration (formerly the Military Government) were found guilty in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday of failing to warn a Border Police sapper about a dangerous explosive device.

Seren (Captain) Shlomo Leviatan and Rav-Seren (Major) Aharon Gila had been accused of indirectly causing sapper Suliman Hirbawi to lose his sight when the bomb planted in the doorway of Al-Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil's garage exploded in his face.

The bombing was one of several attacks against West Bank Palestinian leaders by a Jewish underground group in June 1980.

Leviatan was convicted of breach of trust and failure to prevent a crime. Gila was found guilty of these

two crimes as well as causing bodily harm through negligence.

In their ruling, the judges recalled that, shortly before the explosives were placed in cars belonging to the Palestinians, underground leader, Yehuda Etzion notified Leviatan that they would also be planted in cars belonging to the mayors of Ramallah and Al-Bireh. He also asked Leviatan to transmit this information to Gila, so that an IDF sapper would know about it if he was summoned to examine the cars.

After bombs went off in the cars of some of the leaders, border police sapper Hirbawi was called to check Tawil's garage and Gila was asked to accompany Hirbawi. The judges found that Gila had failed to tell Hirbawi about the device in Tawil's garage door. (Itim)

## Underground sentences stand

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

The Supreme Court rejected appeals yesterday against prison sentences of three to six years passed on five members of the Jewish underground.

The state prosecutor appealed for harsher sentences. The five asked for the terms to be reduced.

The men were involved in a plot to blow up the Aqsa Mosque. The court ruled the sentences were appropriate.

Defendant Hagai Segal said afterwards he was glad the court had turned down "the prosecutor's request for revenge."

The court confirmed three-year sentences passed on Segal, Natan Natanson and Yitzhak Novick. The three are due to face a parole board today, which may decide to reduce their sentences by one-third. In this case, they would be free on May 1.

The other two men who appealed yesterday — Barak Nir and Haim

Ben-David — are to continue serving their terms of six years and three-and-a-half years, respectively.

In its ruling, the court said that it only intervenes to change sentences when these are unusual. It added that the defendants' request that their actions be viewed against the political and security background of the time they were committed was "unworthy of being heard."

The defendants withdrew appeals against their convictions, in order to be eligible for parole.

## Haifa cableway set to open this morning

HAIFA. — The new Stella Maris-Bat Galim cableway is to open to the public this morning. It will run on weekdays only. The owners announced yesterday that, during the month-long running-in period, fares will be NIS2 one way and NIS3 return.

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We deeply mourn the passing of a dear friend

**ALISA ZUCKERMAN**

Vivian and Roderic Chaffin-Lalrd

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In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear

**DVORA AROCH** ז"ל

The funeral took place in Jerusalem on April 14, 1986.

The family

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We announce, in deep sorrow, the passing of our deeply admired member

**MORDECHAI SAMSON** ז"ל

(Shimon Cohen)

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, April 15 at 3 p.m. at Kibbutz Mishmarot.

The Family and Kibbutz Mishmarot



# Latest crisis demonstrated Likud's vulnerability

TEL AVIV. — The latest "worst-ever" crisis in the national unity government has now been resolved, despite the violent swings of the political pendulum in the last few days. This has prompted Transport Minister Haim Corfu to quip that "even if this government were thrown from the top of the Eiffel Tower, it wouldn't fall."

This is probably so because one of its two major components, the Likud, will do all it can to keep the government from falling — even if it means that in the process the Likud itself falls on its face. Even the most loyal Likud politicians now admit that. This is exactly what happened in the present crisis.

This is partly due to incredibly poor crisis management by the Likud and to disunity among its leaders; but there is also its dependence on Labour's good will to see the rotation implemented. The Likud's inherent weakness in the coalition has been mercilessly exposed. This lesson cannot have escaped observers in Labour, which is bound to create further unrest in this rickety government, whether it survives its term until November 1988 or whether it crashes from the Eiffel Tower.

Some of Labour's most outspoken anti-rotationists have privately told *The Jerusalem Post* that they consider themselves among the big losers in the Moda'i affair. They are beginning to suspect, they say, that no matter what Labour does to bring down the government, it will not work, because there seems to be "no

end to the humiliation the Likud is willing to endure just to ensure rotation."

Whether Premier Peres wanted to bring down the government at any point during the crisis is now a moot question. Peres had been at war with Finance Minister Moda'i even before the crisis and wanted to reduce his authority by creating and heading a special committee on economic growth. Peres has won his war with Moda'i totally, it is claimed in Labour and conceded in the Likud.

On paper the Likud still controls the Treasury, but the minister designate, Liberal Moshe Nissim, is neither a powerful force in his party nor a formidable political foe. Moda'i was anathema to Labour because of his tight grip on the nation's purse strings, and because of his reluctance to funnel funds to Labour-affiliated enterprises. Labour has now adroitly rid itself of this obstacle, top Liberal Party sources told *The Post* yesterday.

It is hard to see gentlemanly, mild-mannered Nissim giving Labour anything like the sort of resistance Moda'i did. The Liberals may congratulate themselves on not having ceded the finance portfolio, but this ministry will now be far more subject to Labour domination than it ever was, Labour sources indicated to *The Post*. Labour could not have hoped for a more compatible Likud candidate for the job.

The question that politicians in both major parties are now asking themselves is whether Nissim, who will have to go through a long train-

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SARAH HONIG

ing period to manage one of the toughest jobs in government, will be strong enough to face the many pressures sure to come from all quarters.

Moda'i's obstinacy, volatility and unpredictability may have caused his downfall, but they were also the source of his success in office, as a minister from a small party told *The Post*. Moda'i's record in the Treasury is perhaps the only bright spot for the Likud in this entire episode. Likud members believe that public sympathy has swung in Moda'i's favour. The fact that Peres did not content himself with removing him from the Treasury only for the final months of his tenure as premier, and his insistence that Moda'i be banned from the Finance Ministry for the duration of the national unity government's term, is regarded as an extreme step — "cruel and unusual punishment," as one Herut minister put it.

He added that the public cannot understand why a successful manager of the economy had to be banned "just because he has a big mouth, while a total novice has to take over such a troubled ship, with his only qualifications being his impeccable good manners and flawless etiquette. Peres will also have a tough time

explaining to the public why Moda'i, who was so inoffensive in the Treasury, will be bearable as the man in charge of the country's legal system," the minister said.

Judging from comments made by Likud insiders yesterday, Peres will have far less trouble explaining this than the Likud will have explaining how their brave declarations of solidarity for Moda'i evaporated into thin air. They started out by vowing not to abandon a comrade, not to allow Moda'i to be removed from office, and not to agree to any cabinet reshuffle.

Yet in the final hours of the crisis, it was the Likud leaders who were thinking up all sorts of fantastic combinations for a reshuffle. There is hardly anyone who was not mentioned as candidate of the Treasury portfolio, the only consideration being whether the candidate had a sufficiently significant portfolio with which to compensate Moda'i for his loss.

The Likud would have done far better to have given in right away, some in the party now claim. They argue that telling Moda'i that he had to pay the price for getting the entire Likud into trouble with his temper and tongue, would have been a far more honourable way out.

The possibility that Peres would go to the Treasury, with Moda'i taking over foreign affairs after the rotation, fell through as soon as David Levy rushed home from Canada. Until then Shamir was in control of the situation, but as soon as Levy arrived, Shamir dropped the

reins. Likud sources pointed out that even the formula that provided the solution did not come from Shamir. It was proposed and pushed by MK Ehud Olmert, who talked Nissim's wife into persuading her husband to take the job he did not want.

Shamir's one gain was that none of his potential rivals — Levy, Sharon or Moda'i — was promoted as a result of the turmoil. Levy lost because he did not gain. But he also won because he foiled promotions for Sharon and Moda'i. Levy's major gain was in demonstrating his power to play a spoiler role.

Sharon has shown that he can initiate and negotiate. But he was also given a stinging reminder that he is still the man in the Likud that Labour loves most to hate.

Likud leaders, it seems, were busier "seeking to block a gain for their rivals within the party, than looking out for their party's interests," said the Herut minister.

Shamir may get his turn at the helm, but Labour, having been treated to another demonstration of Likud disunity, is not likely to ease the pressure on Shamir and his party after rotation. "Rotation can also be endangered after October (when Shamir is to re-enter the Prime Minister's Office). All Labour has to do is threaten to stop us from completing our turn, and we will do whatever they demand out of fear that they might bring down the government. There will be many more 'offers' from Labour which we in the Likud will not be able to refuse," the Herut minister predicted.



President Herzog receives the credentials of Spain's first ambassador to Israel, Pedro Lopez Aguirre.

## Herzog welcomes Spanish envoy 'after 500 years'

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Welcome, after 500 years," said President Chaim Herzog in Spanish yesterday, as he accepted the credentials of Spain's first ambassador to Israel, Pedro Lopez Aguirre. The reference, of course, was to the half-millennium breach between the two peoples caused by the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492.

"I feel that I was present at a historic occasion," Herzog told reporters after the short Beit Hamassi ceremony.

The president and the ambassador, who toasted each other with champagne, spoke about relations between Jews and Spain, and Jews and Catholics, particularly the pope's visit to the Rome synagogue on Sunday, and Spain's efforts to save Greek Jews from the Nazis during World War II.

Herzog said John Paul II's visit to the synagogue marked a "certain rectification of the historical wrong

done to the Jewish people. It is only a step — the whole path will be completed only when an ambassador of the Vatican is received here."

The Spanish envoy, who last served as his country's ambassador to Greece, lived in Jerusalem between 1952 and 1956, when his father was consul-general here, serving both parts of the divided city. The 49-year-old ambassador, a career diplomat and trained lawyer, says he intends to learn Hebrew.

Relations between Israel and Spain were established in January, and Israel's envoy Shmuel Hadass presented his credentials to King Juan Carlos a month later.

At yesterday's ceremony, the Israel Police Band played the Spanish anthem and a crisp-looking Navy guard of honour saluted the diplomat.

An hour earlier, the new ambassador of Peru, 51-year-old Guillermo Fernandez Cornejo Cortes, presented his credentials to President Herzog in a separate ceremony.



Rabbi Uri Blau (centre) in court yesterday.

## Natorei Karta rabbi guilty of damaging public property

By BARBARA AMOYAL

For *The Jerusalem Post*  
A Jerusalem Magistrates' Court judge found Natorei Karta leader Rabbi Uri Blau, 60, guilty of damaging public property yesterday, but ordered police to release him in an attempt to "calm tense relations between the city's secular and ultra-Orthodox communities."

About three dozen ultra-Orthodox supporters who crowded into the Russian Compound courtroom cheered and sounded the shofar after the judge announced his decision.

Blau, arrested on March 4 for damaging a Seder Herzl bus shelter with grey paint, pleaded guilty to damaging what he called an "obscene" poster, but not to damaging the shelter in which it was placed. Judge Ezra Kama sentenced Blau to 10 days' imprisonment, retroactive

to his March 4 arrest, plus a six-month suspended sentence, and ordered him to pay a NIS1,000 fine.

When Kama recommended that Blau express his objections to offensive posters through legal negotiations with Jerusalem municipal officials, a supporter stood up and shouted, "Teddy Kolek is the biggest blasphemer of them all. How can we negotiate with such a devil?"

The police prosecutor, chief inspector Shaul Naim, was "greatly surprised and disappointed" by Kama's lenient approach to what he described as "blatant illegal acts that carry added severity in that the defendant's followers have come to emulate his disregard for Israeli law." Naim asked the judge for three months' imprisonment for Rabbi Blau plus a "significant" fine to dissuade him and followers from doing further damage to city property.

## Conspiracy of silence abets child labour

By TSIPPI KUPER

Jamal Bader Jubran lost his eye when a butcher's knife he was using to open a crate slipped. He should not have been holding that knife. He was 12 years old when the accident occurred, and forbidden by law to do paid work.

Jubran is one of an estimated few dozen youngsters who are injured in work accidents every year in illegal jobs. Nobody knows how many youths and employers violate the Youth Labour Law, but the problem is clearly widespread.

Labour Ministry chief inspector Rafi Kahalon believes that "in every other household" a 14 to 17-year-old has "probably" violated the labour law.

There appears to be a conspiracy of silence between the children and their employers, and as a result many children earn a pittance for a hard day's work — often in dangerous circumstances. The problem is probably greater among the Arab population across the Green Line.

The law forbids children under 16 from working, except with special permission from the Labour Minis-

ter. This is given only in rare cases, according to Yitzhak Gruener, in charge of youth and apprenticeship programmes in the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry.

Youths aged between 16 and 18 can work if they obtain a special document from the Employment Service, which requires undergoing a medical examination. There are strict restrictions on the type of work they are allowed to carry out and the length of their work day.

"During the summer, 16-year-old girls work as waitresses in coffee shops near the beaches. Boys work at pool sides, gaining free entrance to the swimming pool, and perhaps earning NIS 10 a day," Kahalon said. Few go through the Employment Service.

The ministry's Jerusalem area work inspector, Peter Magnes, said that many children are employed to deliver flowers or to sell newspapers.

The problems arise when the work is of a dangerous nature. "When a youngster works without going through the Employment Service, he is often unaware of the dangers involved in the job," said Kahalon.

## Unifil soldiers defuse Katyushas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seven Katyusha rocket launchers were discovered and dismantled by Unifil troops yesterday near the South Lebanon villages of Majdal Zun, Marcaba and Ein Dibel.

Also yesterday, a unit of the South Lebanon Army in the security zone came under attack from the village of Yaster, and returned fire.

## Tiberias film festival

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — A two-day Jewish film festival will be held at the Yad Shitrit Community Centre here on April 27 and 28, during the intermediate days of Pesach.

On the first day, there will be a competition for the best Israeli-produced short feature on a Jewish theme by young film-makers. The second day will feature longer works, by established producers, as well as seminars and workshops on cinema and video arts.

## HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

### 6 semi-finalists in Rubinstein competition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three West Germans, one Austrian, one Hungarian and a Canadian originally from Taiwan have reached the semi-finals of the Arthur Rubinstein Piano Competition.

After midnight Sunday, the judges announced that the semi-finalists were Angela Chang, Canada; Thomas Duis, West Germany; Matthias Fletzerberger, Austria; Bernd Glesner, West Germany; Karoly Moscar, Hungary; and Hans-Christian Wille, West Germany. Neither of the two Israelis who had reached the second stage made it to the semi-finals.

The first three semi-finalists will perform this evening at the Mann Auditorium.

## 15 arrested in north for drugs, arms dealing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police arrested 15 suspected arms and heroin dealers in a series of raids in Haifa and the North late Sunday night.

More than 70 police officers joined the operation, which followed months of undercover work by a police agent.

Two Uzi submachine guns and three pistols were discovered in the raids, the police spokesman said, and six people — from Umm el-Fahm, Jisr e-Zarka, Ushiya, Jenin and Haifa — were arrested on suspicion of selling weapons.

Nine others — from Haifa, the bay-side suburbs and Nazareth — were arrested on suspicion of selling heroin, the spokesman said.

He noted that there was no apparent connection between the drug dealers and the gun sellers. The only common feature was that they had all been arrested on the basis of information supplied by the same undercover agent.

## Suspects in soccer scandal in court

By YORAM GAZIT

For *The Jerusalem Post*  
TEL AVIV. — Two suspected members of the gang that tried to bribe soccer players and fix results in order to win Toto prize money, were brought to the magistrates' court here yesterday for an extension of their remands.

The gang won the first prize 11 times out of 13 in recent months. Hundreds of thousands of shekels won in the Toto pool have found their way to the bank account of a well-known underworld figure who

finances drug purchases and launders money, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The two suspects, Ya'acov Hertz, 29, and Nisan Cohen, 23, both of Tel Aviv, are suspected of approaching players of Betar Ramle in December 1985 and offering them \$1,000 if their team lost a game against Betar Haifa.

Hertz is also suspected of trying to bribe Cohen, who is a Betar Tel Aviv soccer player, to lose a game against Hapoel Hadera.

## Dayan show opens at Israel Museum

Jerusalem Post Art Editor

Some 600 items from the late Moshe Dayan's superb collection of antiquities went on view at the Israel Museum last night. The collection of nearly 1,000 pieces was acquired by the museum four years ago from Dayan's second wife Rabel for \$1

million, most of which was put up by the Tish family of New York, old friends of the 'Dayans'. Some \$100,000 was contributed by four Israelis.

The centrepiece of the show is a series of 23 huge — and unique — clay anthropoid Canaanite coffins.

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Millions bathe in Ganges

## 47 Hindu pilgrims die in stampede

NEW DELHI (AP). — A stampede by Hindu pilgrims seeking to bathe in the holy waters of the Ganges River killed at least 47 people and injured 39 at a religious festival yesterday, United News of India (UNI) reported.

The stampede occurred as millions thronged the city of Haridwar on the banks of the Ganges on the climax of the Kumbh Mela, a religious festival held only once every 12 years.

UNI quoted police sources as saying the stampede occurred as police were trying to hold back the crowd pressing against a barricade near a foot bridge leading to the Har-Ki Pauri, or steps of God, the holiest bathing site.

The agency said the barricade col-

lapsed and one person fell in the crush of people, dragging others with him.

"The police went on raining lathi (canes) blows on us while we pleaded that we were suffocating," Shyam Sunder Buchasia of Calcutta was quoted as saying. "We said, 'Let us go or we will die.' Then suddenly the barricade was loosened."

It said the dead included 32 women and a 12-year-old boy.

Clothes and luggage were strewn over the site where the stampede occurred near the main bathing area in Haridwar, which is 241 kilometres northeast of New Delhi.

Other minor stampedes were reported, but it was not immediately known if there were more casualties, the agency said. Telephone lines from New Delhi to Haridwar were

not working, and it was not possible to contact police.

UNI said the families of two victims filed complaints, alleging police inefficiency and failure to control the crowd had led to the stampede. K.C. Banga, leader of a volunteer organization, said he warned police 30 minutes before the stampede that the crowds were getting out of control and reinforcements were needed.

He said there were 20 to 30 policemen at the site and they watched helplessly as thousands fell over each other.

"It was God's will," said Mrs. Krishna Vyas, relative of a woman killed in the crush. "Maybe she was destined to die during the Kumbh Mela."

## Freedom this year, says Mandela

JOHANNESBURG. — Police said yesterday that 14 more blacks had been killed in the continuing unrest. Five were shot by the police in different parts of the country and nine were burned to death in a communal clash.

In Port Elizabeth, police said a white home had been fire-bombed by blacks — the first such attack reported in the area.

At the Medical University of Southern Africa, north of Pretoria, officials said several hundred black students who have been protesting against the presence of two white students went on a rampage yesterday, breaking windows of the administration building and overturning a security officer's car.

A police spokesman said that 20 huts were burned down on Sunday in the township of Mooiplaas, near East London, and nine bodies were found later.

There has been conflict in Mooiplaas between residents who want the town to become part of the nearby tribal homeland of Ciskei and those who oppose such a move.

The Sowetan, a daily newspaper serving Johannesburg's main black township of Soweto, yesterday published its first interview with black activist Winnie Mandela since her lawyer said early this month that government restrictions on her political activities had been effectively invalidated by a court ruling.

Mrs. Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, was quoted as saying blacks were no longer interested in partial steps to modify apartheid.

On Sunday in a series of speeches she gave to black audiences, Mrs. Mandela said blacks would finally win freedom this year.

"We have no guns... we have only stones, boxes of matches and petrol," she said. (AP, Reuters)

## Nuclear test moratorium worth it, Soviets say

MOSCOW (AP). — Despite costs to its military programme, Soviet officials said yesterday that the eight-month Soviet nuclear test moratorium was worth it because it put pressure on the U.S.

The officials also told a news conference the atmosphere was not yet right for a superpower summit, but that the Soviet Union has no "preconditions" for a meeting in the U.S. this year.

On Libya, they said diplomatic contacts with the U.S. have been aimed at preventing a U.S. military strike against the country, but refused to say whether the Kremlin has issued any warnings about possible Soviet retaliation.

A Soviet moratorium on nuclear tests was in effect from Aug. 6, the 40th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Japan, until March 31. The Soviet Union says that since the U.S. has continued carrying out nuclear tests, it no longer feels bound to a unilateral moratorium.

## TWA halts flights on bomb-hit Cairo-Rome Route

NEW YORK (AP). — TWA is cancelling flights on the Cairo-Athens-Rome route. A spokeswoman yesterday cited "very poor bookings" for the decision to halt the flights, which have not operated since the bomb blast in a Boeing 727 on April 2, when four people were killed.

Because the plane was out of service, TWA cancelled the daily flights until April 27. "However, because of the poor bookings in those segments, we have cancelled the flights," the spokeswoman said.

She assumed that fear of terrorism was a factor in the low bookings, but the weakening of the dollar and low domestic fares were probably also factors in keeping more vacationers in the U.S.

TALKS. — Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson of Sweden arrived in Moscow yesterday for talks expected to focus on nuclear arms control, European disarmament and bilateral relations that have cooled in the last five years. Carlsson was making the first official visit by a Swedish leader to the Soviet Union since 1976.

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## FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

## 'Stalin's daughter allowed to return to West'

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of the late Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, has received permission to leave the Soviet Union 17 months after she returned from the West, a Soviet journalist said yesterday.

Viktor Louis, who is often used to convey official Soviet information, said Alliluyeva's American-born daughter Olga, 14, will leave Moscow tomorrow for Britain, where she will resume her studies at a Quaker school.

Louis said Alliluyeva, 59, will leave the country later after making a final trip to the Republic of Georgia, where she has lived with Olga since her return to the Soviet Union in November 1984 after 17 years in the West.

**Zia rejects Bhutto's call for elections**

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq yesterday rejected opposition leader Benazir Bhutto's call for elections, saying that politicians trying to change Pakistan's system might not be honest.

The official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) quoted Zia as saying that "certain brothers and sisters" seeking new polls should wait for the next scheduled elections in 1990 rather than incite the "illiterate masses" in a campaign for change.

Zia spoke hours after Bhutto told her third mass rally since returning from exile last Thursday that the Zia years had been "an era of tears, blood and darkness" for Pakistan.

"We want to bring the light and shun the darkness," she told up to 100,000 supporters who waited through the night in Faisalabad until she arrived after a 15-hour procession from Lahore.

**War criminal barred entry into Belgium**

HOOGRSTATEN, Belgium (AP). — Convicted Dutch war criminal Pieter Menten will not be allowed into Belgium to settle in this residential community, which borders on the Netherlands, police said yesterday. "His war history and the fact that he could be a passive, indirect danger to public order" moved the Justice Ministry to bar him entry into Belgium, police chief Omer Meus said.

In 1980, Menten was sentenced to a 10-year prison term for complicity in the 1941 murders of 20 to 30 Jews by Nazi troops in the then-Polish village of Podboroc. He was released for good behaviour last year. Menten is 85.

**Call for civil disobedience in Philippines**

MANILA (AP). — Former members of deposed president Ferdinand Marcos's ruling party convened the abolished National Assembly yesterday with a call for civil disobedience.

Violence erupted earlier in the day as anti-riot troops clashed in a melee of rock-throwing and gunfire with scores of Marcos followers opposing the ouster of Joseph Estrada as mayor of the Manila suburb of San Juan. Hospitals reported 60 people injured, including 18 policemen.

With more than 2,000 people chanting "We Still Want Marcos" outside the State University's Tourism Institute hotel, members of the defunct assembly sang the national anthem and cheered former assemblyman Arturo Tolentino's call for civil disobedience against President Corason Aquino's government.

**Noted Greek writer on trial for murder**

ATHENS (AP). — A noted Greek writer, Athanasios Natsioutzik, went on trial yesterday accused of bludgeoning another Greek author to death with a hammer.

The 64-year-old former president of Greece's Writers' Union pleaded "not guilty" in the death of Athanasios Diamantopoulos, 73, the organization's former treasurer.

On September 24, 1984, Diamantopoulos was found dead in the bathroom of his apartment. According to the autopsy report, his skull had been crushed by 94 blows from a blunt instrument.

Other residents of the apartment building told police they heard Diamantopoulos pleading with his killer: "Thanassi, please don't do it." Thanassi is a diminutive for Athanasios, a common first name in Greece.

Diamantopoulos, who had published several historical works, was completing a book called *Sex and Society*. Published after his death, the book includes first-person accounts of sexual activity by women identified by their first names.

Two days after the killing, Natsioutzik attempted suicide. He took an overdose of sleeping pills and left a note saying he was "tired of life."

**Horowitz 'Ambassador of Peace' in Moscow**

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Concert pianist Vladimir Horowitz returned to his native country yesterday after an absence of 61 years and described himself as an ambassador of peace.

Horowitz, 81, accompanied by his wife Wanda, told reporters at Moscow airport he was happy to be back, adding: "I have no enemies here, only friends."

**INTEGRATION.** — Bangladesh border security guards have detained 22 Indian nationals on charges of infiltration and violence in a Bangladesh border village, a Dacca newspaper reported yesterday.

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## SPORTS

## "Golden Bear" master again

AUGUSTA (Reuters). — Jack William Nicklaus, written of as a "has been" in recent years, rediscovered the form that made him the dominant golfer of the past 25 years to win the 50th Masters championship here in vintage style.

With an electrifying charge over the back nine at the Augusta national golf club, the "Golden Bear" beat a field of the world's finest to become the oldest golfer — by four years — to win the first of the four "major" championships.

"Obviously, I've just tickled pink," Nicklaus, 46, said after his record-tying 30 on the back nine of this fabled course gave him the title by one stroke over fellow-American Tom Kite and Australian Greg Norman.

"Today is the best I've had in 40 years," added Nicklaus, who last won a Major title in 1960, when he captured the U.S. Open and the PGA. "I'm not as good as I was 25 years ago, but I can still play a bit at times."

He had more than 70 tournaments in his 25-year career.

Seven Ballantines who had led the tournament after 68 holes, followed with hopes of the 12th and 17th holes to finish with 70 and a 201 total.

**Becker beaten**

DALLAS (AFP). — Anders Jarryd, brought in as a late replacement for injured world champion Ivan Lendl, won the WCT finals here when he beat Wimbledon champion Boris Becker in four tremendous sets.

Jarryd, 24, the oldest and most underrated of the Swedish stars, had never beaten Becker in four previous encounters, but came back brilliantly after losing a first set tie-break 3-7 to win 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

In South Carolina, West Germany's Steffi Graf topped Chris Evert Lloyd 6-4, 7-5 to win the \$200,000 women's tournament, thus claiming her first professional tennis tournament victory.

**Slender wins**

NEW YORK (AP). — Nobody said it would be easy. Certainly not the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers. The Padres beat Cincinnati 7-6 and the Dodgers defeated San Francisco 3-2 in Sunday's basketball action. In each case it was the winners' seventh consecutive one-run game, setting a record for the most one-run games at the start of the season.

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**Flyers in with chance**

NEW YORK (AP). — Peter Zent had three goals and an assist, and Tim Kerr scored twice and added an assist as the Philadelphia Flyers avoided elimination from the NHL playoffs with a 7-1 victory Sunday night over the New York Rangers. The series is tied at 2-2.

**Israelis vs Americans in Jo'burg tennis**

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israeli Shlomo Glickstein, Shahar Perkis and Amos Mansdorf will be up against American tennis stars Brad Gilbert, Paul Anascone, Robert Seguso and Ken Flach this week in a Davis Cup-format exhibition match in Johannesburg, which will also involve a South African team. Gilbert, who beat Mansdorf in the final of last year's Ramat Hasharon Grand Prix, is now 11 in the ATP's world singles rankings, while Anascone is 13th.

Seguso and Flach are at present the game's top doubles pairing. Mansdorf has climbed to a career-high 76th place in the world rankings following his success in Jerusalem.

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## THE MIDDLE EAST

# 'A law that won't work'



Mohammed Milhem... 'Abu Ala' (Rahamim Israeli)

Danny Rubinstein addresses an open letter to Mohammed Milhem, the deported mayor of Halhoul and member of the PLO executive

ABU ALA, SHALOM:

Almost five years have passed since we last met, a few days before you were expelled by order of the military government in June 1980. Over the years I've received regards from you via mutual acquaintances, I've read of your activities in newspaper reports and I've seen you on television several times; but we haven't met.

I could have written you about various political matters, about what is happening on the West Bank and in your town of Halhoul. I could have told you my opinion about the policies of the PLO, Jordan and Israel, and about the negotiations which haven't begun. But there is not much point to this: you know my opinions well, as I do yours.

After you were elected mayor of Halhoul in 1976, we saw each other dozens of times; I as a newspaper reporter and you as a public official. We considered the political issues from every possible angle, *ad nauseam*. We also talked about personal matters, and I remember your stories about your work as an English teacher and about the time you lived in Saudi Arabia. I came to your home in Halhoul and you visited my home in Jerusalem.

You wouldn't believe it, but a few weeks ago I almost phoned you in Amman. This was during one of the recent meetings between King Hussein and Yasser Arafat. Among the faces on television, I suddenly saw you. At the time I was visiting the home of friends in Ramallah, and they told me that Israel's Communications Ministry had recently provided direct, automatic dialling service abroad from many places in the West Bank; but that, of course, it was impossible to dial directly to Arab countries.

What does one do? One phones acquaintances in Europe or America, where many people have the technical facilities for arranging a conference call, and they connect us like a switchboard. I myself saw how people call from the West Bank to Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

I thought then in Halhoul to ask for your number in Amman; but meanwhile I have heard and read about the worsening problems between the PLO and Jordan, and once again I don't know whether you are in Amman or have perhaps left there. To tell the truth, I was also a little afraid. If our conversation were discovered, perhaps this would get you into trouble? Perhaps it would get me into trouble? I could see myself explaining to the police that Mohammed Milhem, PLO executive member Abu Ala from Halhoul, is an old friend of mine whom I'd just felt like ringing up to see how he was doing.

And this is actually the reason why I'm writing to you now in the newspaper. The Knesset is now preparing legislation that would define any meeting or conversation between me — as an Israeli — and you — as a member of the PLO — as a felony. The truth of the matter is that existing laws and regulations in Israel already forbid me from having contact with you without a reasonable explanation (i.e. for unlawful purposes such as spying, sabotage, etc., which are not our subject). The attorney-general has already deter-

mined that, under existing laws, Israelis cannot be prosecuted for previously meeting with PLO leaders, since such encounters had no unlawful element. This situation has angered perhaps more than a few people in Israel, who have demanded legislation banning all (or nearly all) such meetings with PLO members.

In other words, the proposed law would absolutely bar me from meeting or speaking with you, and I am writing to tell you that, first of all, it seems to me an incomparably perverted law and, moreover, I have practically no doubt that I will not be able to comply with it.

IT IS unnecessary and even banal to write you that we have differences of opinion. Indeed, political definition denote us as enemies: I as an Israeli and you as a Palestinian member of the PLO — this is evident. The PLO has determined that all Palestinians belong to it and that of all those I see in the West Bank and Gaza, very many of them consider themselves loyal to the PLO — and this, of course, increases the confusion. In Bethlehem, for example, I know Dr. Ahmed Hamza, who is an official member of the Palestine National Council (he was elected to the PLO Council during the period of his expulsion and his membership has not been revoked) and I don't have to tell you how many official and semi-official PLO activists there are in the territories or how many residents receive full salaries or allowances from the PLO.

Thus the new law — if it is passed — will simply not work. I recall the long years when Palestinians and Arabs in general imposed a total boycott on any contact with Israelis (and before that with the Jews of Eretz Yisrael). This boycott, this negation and absolute rejection, only brought misfortune to the country's Arabs. We Israelis were the ones who, for dozens of years, searched for any possibility of a dialogue (to this day I cannot understand — or more correct, cannot accept — Israel's rejection 10 years ago and ever since of the "Yariv-Shemtov Formula", which said that Israel would agree to negotiations with any willing Arab element that would recognize it).

Since this is a personal letter, I ask you, Abu Ala, not to be impressed by the proposed law. It will only remain in the nature of an unimportant declaration. I am certain that if Palestinians and Israelis want to talk with one another, they will each find a partner, representatives of all kinds. The problem is that they should want to meet; that is, that they have something to meet about, that the meeting be worthwhile. If I had the power, I'd legislate an opposite law in Israel: a law that would require every Israeli to meet as much as possible with Palestinians who want to talk with Israelis.

It wouldn't hurt if your people also had a law or a decision requiring dialogue or meeting with Israelis who are interested in this. Such laws sound to me no less silly than the one now before the Knesset.

In the meantime, *lehitraot* — despite the proposed law.

The writer is Palestinian Affairs editor of Davar.

## FROM THE ARAB WORLD PRESS

AMMAN. — Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Rifai announced that no Arab country, except Saudi Arabia, has fulfilled its commitments according to the recent summit on behalf of the confrontation states and that not a cent has been paid to Jordan following the drop in world oil prices.

RABAT. — The Moroccan government announced the imposition of value added tax, effective April 1.

QATAR. — A military source on the six-nation Gulf Cooperative Council said the council is interested in buying Awacs-type radar planes like the American ones used by Saudi Arabia to protect its members' shores and airspace.

KUWAIT. — The most famous belly dancer in the Arab world has made history by being invited to perform in Kuwait, despite the ban on belly dancing in the emirates; where such dancing is considered unduly provocative.

RIYADH. — Saudi Arabian imports dropped 28 per cent in 1985 compared to the previous year, while the import of iron and concrete plunged by 52 per cent, due to cutbacks in development projects brought on by the fall in oil prices.

KHARTOUM. — Sudan has decided to weaken its ties with Egypt by

disbanding all the joint projects of the two countries that were established during the Numeiri administration. Cost-saving measures are being cited as the reason.

AMMAN. — The Jordanian government has signed a contract with the Aramco company of the U.S. to search for oil in the eastern Jordan Valley.

RIYADH. — Following harsh criticism by Opec for increasing its oil production, Saudi Arabia cut production in March by 500,000 barrels a day to a present daily output of 3.9 million barrels.

KUWAIT. — The Kuwait government has submitted a bill to parliament that would impose the death penalty for plane hijacking. The measure is said to be part of a war against terrorism.

CAIRO. — Movie censors have banned two films based on books by two of Egypt's greatest writers, Naguib Mahfouz and Youssef Idris. Mahfouz's story was banned for having "negative characters" and Idris's work was considered unsuitable for telling the story of a policeman who became impotent.

The Middle East page is edited by Yehuda Liliat.

## Grasping the new realities of oil

DAVID RICHARDSON



"All the various indicators — non-Opec oil sources, alternative energy sources, improvements in energy efficiency, conservation measures and strategic reserve levels — point to positive trends for the future," he writes. But he also warns against being misled by too much optimism. "Should oil prices drop to less than \$18 per barrel, for instance, this would probably render most of the alternatives to oil competitively uneconomical. A drop in oil prices to under \$8 per barrel is likely to make even oil production outside the Middle East (in the North Sea, for example) uneconomical."

Meir produces statistics which indicate that even though the demand for oil has declined, the GNP's of the industrialized states have continued to grow, albeit at a slower rate than in the past. There has been a steady decline in the importance of Middle Eastern oil in international relations. Exports from this region fell from 21.5 million barrels a day (mbd) in 1979 to 17mbd in 1984 (Saudi oil production alone fell from 9.5mbd to less than 4.5mbd last year). This weakening of the strategic importance of Middle Eastern oil was borne out by the calm handling of the crisis triggered in mid-1984, when the Persian Gulf tanker war threatened to close the Straits of Hormuz.

The impact of this has been a change in the psychological perception of shortages, which was dominant in the way governments responded during the crises of 1973 and 1979 (the fall of the Shah of Iran). Meir warns, however, that since geological evidence suggests that more than half the world's proven oil reserves are concentrated in the Middle East, Opec has the capacity to return to international prominence by producing large surpluses — as now appears to be happening. This is ultimately a likely scenario, given the full production capacities of non-Opec countries in the West and the Soviet Union.

U.S. ASSERTIVENESS on the oil question under President Ronald Reagan will increase Washington's ability to influence the Arab states, Meir predicts. For one, the vulnerability of Saudi oil terminals on the Persian Gulf and the questionable stability of the regime there underscore the degree to which its security is bound up with the U.S. This situation (including the building of new terminals on the Red Sea coast) probably ensures moderation in Saudi policy, Meir says, but "this does not necessarily imply a move towards friendly relations with Israel."

The decline in oil revenues has made Iraq more dependent on fore-

ign aid. Its desire to have the U.S. fund the laying of a pipeline to Akaba could mean that Baghdad would lower its hostile profile in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Jordan's dependence on American financial assistance has also increased as Arab support has dwindled. This has already led to a change in attitude to the Egyptian-Israeli peace process.

"On the other hand, closer relations between these states (Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Jordan) and the U.S. could lead to conflicts of interest between the latter and Israel, particularly with regard to the Palestinian question and the administered territories," Meir predicts.

Saudi concerns about stability in the Persian Gulf and Iraq's difficulties in shipping through the Straits of Hormuz have forced them to relocate oil terminals on the Red Sea within Israel's strategic reach. This is undoubtedly a strategic boost to Israel, for "far from being passively vulnerable to changes in the world oil market, Israel has now become a party to everything regarding oil from the Middle East, one whose needs must be taken into account." This new strategic situation also invites increased American involvement.

THE SHRINKING of Arab financial resources have also brought about a slow-down in the conventional arms race in the region. This not only gives Israel a chance to restore its qualitative edge and to improve its technological superiority, but also to reduce the frightening defence budget, which has been crippling development in the country since 1973.

In addition, the Arab state's reduced capacity to re-equip themselves with the latest in advanced weapons systems may also counteract pressures to begin to develop and/or stockpile nuclear weapons in the Middle East.

On the other hand, the sudden slow-down in development in the oil states of the region has resulted in fewer employment opportunities for workers from poorer Arab states. Sudden cuts in living standards, hyper-modernization and unem-

ployment could affect the stability of many states in the area, as well as the West Bank and Gaza.

Israel's dependence on U.S. pledges to meet its energy requirements could increase its political dependence on Washington. At the same time, the stoppages and cancellations of large development projects in the oil states have made them far less attractive to Western businesses than they were in Opec's heyday, weakening the pro-Arab lobby in Western capitals.

THE MAIN political challenge Israel faced during the "Decade of Oil" was its problematic relations with Europe. Western European states took up a clearly pro-Arab stance following the 1973 Yom Kippur War and the PLO was increasingly influential in Continental capitals. This tendency peaked in 1980 with the Venice Declaration of the EEC states, which determined that the Palestinian issue was the core of the Middle East conflict. Underlying these diplomatic and political shifts of climate was the assumption, argued openly by the Arab states, that there was a link between disturbances in Middle East oil supplies and Israeli actions.

Meir argues, perhaps a little too forcefully, that this connection is nonsense. The ongoing Iran-Iraq War has seriously undermined this thesis, he says, and "the war in Lebanon laid that myth to rest forever." The Yom Kippur War provided Opec with an opportunity to advance its commercial interests at the expense of the big oil companies, but this was parallel to the oil embargo clamped on countries friendly to Israel; rather than the result of any cause-and-effect relationship, he writes.

The fact is that it was an Arab-Israeli war that provided this "excuse." To argue that this is a "myth" never to be repeated is an otherwise excellent academic study smack of a bit of propaganda, rather than of dispassionate argument. Moreover, it is hardly consistent with pointing out that Israel has now to be taken into account, because it can threaten the oil terminals on the Red Sea.

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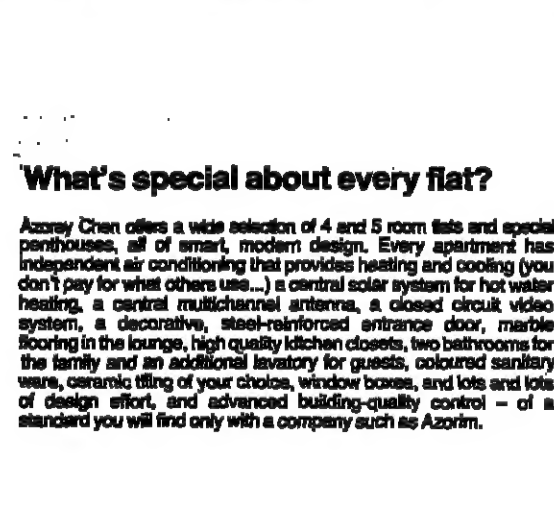


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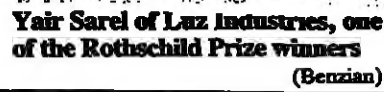
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**By AARON SITTNER**

**JEWELRY EXPORTS** last year totalled \$160 million, the director of the light industries division at the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Yohanan Levi, has announced. The lion's share - \$135m. - was sold in the U.S. Of the more than 600 firms



ly \$18 million for his share in the firm. Payment was in cash, property and in monthly instalments.

Avraham Rubinstein said that the company plans to build 900 units worth about \$90m. in the Greater Tel Aviv area.

He added that the new management will for the time being not buy any new land since the company has enough reserves to build about 4,000 housing units, on top of hundreds of dunams for industrial construction.

The company is now worth about \$40m. and does not owe any money.

The bureau figures show that the output of the leather industry rose by 14 per cent and that of electronics by 11 per cent. Production of apparel increased by 8 per cent, while the output of the basic metals industry dropped by 15 per cent.

**POVERTY.** — China plans "massive population resettlement" of hundreds of thousands of people who are among the 70 million Chinese living (6.7 per cent of the population) living in poverty, a Peking newspaper reported yesterday.

**(Economy and Trade)**



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The Ministry of Communications and the Israel Graphic Designers Association announce a closed competition for the design of a series of pictographic signs for use in Israel's post offices.

Designers and graphic artists, members of the Israel Graphic Designers Association, are invited to take part in this competition, which will be held in accordance with the general rules of the Association.

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 Entries should be sent to: The Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Communications,  
 23 Rehov Yefo, Jerusalem 91 989, Central Post Office Building.  
 Last date for submitting entries: Tuesday, June 10, 1986 (12 noon). 1-857-1122

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17 Brawl  
19 Card game  
20 Snake  
22 Stringed instrument  
23 *See* 21

DOWN: 1 Suitor, 2 Neon, 3 Sermon, 4 Wicked, 5 Turf, 6 Nectar, 7 Fractional, 8 Elucidate, 9 Hotel, 10 Ravel, 11

Foreign bankers have been grumbling over the lack of official response to their demands for a revision of Egyptian banking laws and a reform of the multi-tiered exchange rate system, which they say puts them at a disadvantage.

The country's jewelry industry now encompasses over 600 plants, employing some 4,000 workers. About 80 per cent of production is exported. In 1985 overseas sales increased to \$160 million, compared to \$146m. the preceding year and \$105m. in 1982.

Land - the Moshe Dayan Collection". 8:30  
Film, "The Mean Season".

**Tel Aviv:** Rokah (pediatrics), Ichilov (internal surgery).

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**HEBREW PROGRAMMES** resume at 20.00 with a news roundup  
**20.02 Road Safety.** Israeli TV quiz, introduced by Sefi Rivlin

4:30, 7:15, 8:30; **Chen 1:** A Chorus Line 5, 7:20, 9:45; The Lady and the Tramp 10:30, 12:30, 2:30; **Chen 2:** Journey of Natty Gann 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 5, 7:25.

dio: Zari; Tchelit: Jagged Edge; Tel Aviv: Delta Force 4:30, 7, 9; Tel Aviv Museum: Smile of the Land 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; Zafon: Eleni 4:30, 7, 9:30; Israel

7:30; Delta Force 8:30; Flames in the Ashes 8:30; Tel Aviv: Delta Force 4:30, 7, 9; Enter the Ninja 11 a.m.; American Ninja 2

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**Quick Solution**

Elucidate, 11 Hotel, 12 Ravel, 15  
Quaked, 16 Report, 17 Tether, 18  
Tagout, 21 Maze, 22 Snub.



## MARKET PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

## Sounds familiar

The action is all in Italy. This is not a reference to the dramatic ecumenical event on Sunday, or to the Catholic Church at all. It refers to the new religion sweeping Italy — bourse mania.

Strictly speaking, it is unfair to say that the action is only in Italy. Other stock markets round the world, including several in Europe, are also in the throes of a massive boom. But the reports emerging from Italy, and specifically from the Milan bourse, are something else — by any standards, including our own very high ones.

There are, apparently, share issues there which have appreciated by thousands, and even tens of thousands of per cent, over the past year or two. More important, however, is the indisputable fact that the market as a whole has boomed across the board, and is sweeping the nation up in its surge.

"We're all capitalists now," boasted one economic daily, *Il Mondo Economico*, and the statistics, as well as day-to-day experience bear out much of this generalization. From all over the country orders flood in to buy shares. Nobody, not even the peasants, wants to be left out of the profit machine that the Milan stock exchange has become.

The experts, of course, have been left behind by the mania. After the main market index rose by over 100 per cent in 1985 (in a country with about 10 per cent annual inflation), the expectation was for a period of consolidation at best, with a crash as a much-discussed worst-case scenario. As so often happens, the knowledgeable expectations were confounded. So far this year the market has gained almost 50 per cent, and shares like Fiat, which are leading the pack, have doubled in value from their end-1985 base price.

It is the general public who are fuelling this boom. Particularly through the medium of mutual funds, which were introduced less than two years ago. One million persons are now unit holders in the various funds — and over one-third of them have joined the game since the beginning of the year. After taking in 16 trillion lire in the whole of 1985 (\$10.4 billion), the funds have absorbed L. 9b. (\$5.9b) in the last two months. The traditionally cautious Italian saver, who is accustomed to putting his money in Treasury bonds and generally state-owned banks, has been badly bitten by the bourse bug.

Optimists in Italy speak of "a historic shift in attitudes" by the public. How far this reflects economic fundamentals is one matter — price/earnings ratios of over 20 in most share prices are being dismissed as unimportant, given the bright outlook for the economy after the oil-price slump and consequent lower inflation and interest rates. But a rather different matter is the social atmosphere that is accompanying the boom.

The economic paper *Il Sole 24 Ore* is in great demand, and a book that simply explains to the uninitiated how to read that paper is a national bestseller. Even fashion magazines have begun devoting pages to the market. In the street, at work and in the cafes, the bourse is usurping football as the major topic of conversation.

The government is not entirely happy about all this. Treasury Minister Giovanni Coria has warned that the bourse could suffer what he termed "a defeat" if people weren't more careful. But that went unheeded, apart from sparking a public uproar. The consensus view was that the Treasury is afraid that its ability to keep borrowing from the public to finance the public debt will be harmed if the exchange boom continues.

All the foregoing sounds familiar enough to the Israeli reader. All booms everywhere end in bust. But the uneasy resemblance between the Italian situation today and our own a few years ago leave little doubt that the fables will be as similar as the other stages.

Whether it comes next week or next year, what is dead certain is that the public will get well and truly massacred. It is instructive to realize that, as the talmudic saying has it, "the earth is one block" — people are the same everywhere.

CURBS — East Germany is easing restrictions on emigration and travel to the West in a move Bonn officials say could be tied to plans by Communist leader Erich Honecker to pay a long-awaited visit to West Germany later this year.

## LABOUR BRIEFS

**By TSIFI KUPER**  
SLAUGHTER-HOUSES operated yesterday without veterinary supervision because the inspectors who usually check every chicken went on a two-day strike. They were among some 500 workers of the poultry, fruit, vegetable and flower councils who demand a 20 per cent rise. Today they will decide on further steps. Leon Morozovsky in charge of agriculture in the Tel Aviv labour council told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. Unless agreement is reached by the week end, workers in other agricultural councils — cotton, honey, cattle, milk and vines — will join the strikers, he said.

The workers demand a wage increment given to government workers two years ago, which now comes to NIS 60. They also want higher pay grades.

**THE TREASURY** objects to a proposal enabling women to postpone their retirement until the age of 65, saying it will prompt men to demand a similar right. Most labour accords now require women to retire at 60, while men retire at 65.

The legislative bill, supported by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, enables women to stay on at work for up to five extra years, without affect-

ing their National Insurance and pension rights. These rights include a five per cent increment to NII old-age allowances for every year of work beyond the age of 60. The Treasury is concerned that men will demand similar benefits and flexibility.

The Prime Minister's adviser on the status of women, Dr. Nitz Shapira-Libai, told *The Jerusalem Post* that an inter-ministerial committee favours the bill, despite the Treasury's opposition.

**A HIGH-LEVEL** secretarial training institute is to open in Tel Aviv in October. Simha Werner, a professor of management at Tel Aviv University and director-general of the new institute told the press last week. Idea, the Institute for the Development of Executive Assistants, will provide one and two-year training programmes for high school graduates and a one-year course for university graduates who cannot find work in their field.

In addition to typing and shorthand in three languages, the students will study management, international marketing, word processing and computer technology, office management and economics. (Lea Levavi)

## Victims of clever advertising ploy

**By MICHAEL YUDELMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
**TEL AVIV.** — Dozens of local companies have recently fallen victim to a clever ploy by a foreign organization and are being charged hundreds of dollars each for advertising in international telex guides, even though they did not contract for the service.

The Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce is now warning local companies against falling into a similar trap.

The companies received forms, which already had certain information about them. They were sent by Trawo Information, Switzerland; Postex — The World Telex Edition, Switzerland; International World Edition (telex directory) West Germany, and World Telex Edition, Mexico.

The companies filled in the forms and sent them back, only to be charged soon afterwards hundreds of dollars for advertising. Some of them are being sued abroad for failing to pay.

Apparently, small print on the back of the form did point out that international advertising for a fee was involved. But the form itself merely requested a confirmation or updating of the information about the company.

"We feel that all these telex companies may be one and the same organization," Chambers of Commerce Federation director Zvi Amit told *The Post* yesterday. The federation will assist companies which turn to it for help in fighting the advertising charges. Amit said.

## Pollak's investment of money and self

**KIRYAT GAT** plus Israel Pollak equals Polgat. And since the early 1960s, when Pollak set up the textile company in the small development town, the result has been a winning combination: today Polgat is Israel's largest clothing manufacturer.

"When I look back on our success," Pollak said in a recent interview, "I see it as a miracle. I remember first visiting here in 1960. Kiryat Gat was five-years-old, and had only 4,000 residents, very few work opportunities and a few small industries which were on the verge of bankruptcy."

Pollak, who at the time was living in Chile, was introduced to Kiryat Gat by Pinhas Sapir, then minister of industry and trade.

Pollak explained how at first he was a bit hesitant to invest in a town which was struggling to survive: "I told Sapir, 'There are no experts here, no raw materials. Besides the demand in Israel is very low.' Sapir then turned to me and said that the state of Israel was not built with an accountant's book or a statistical table, but with the heart."

That's all Pollak, a fervent Zionist, needed to hear. But even Pollak, whose survival instincts taught him how to succeed in business, had a tough time in Kiryat Gat in the beginning.

"I had many problems when I started," he admitted. "I was running the company from Chile and in the first five years, I lost \$2.5 million."

"Then I decided I had to come here to run the plant, and that it was not enough to just invest money. You had to invest yourself as well. So I came here in 1961."

At that time, Polgat employed 200 workers. Today the clothing concern, with four plants in Kiryat Gat and eight factories in other parts of Israel, plus one in England, employs some 6,000 people.

Pollak noted that Polgat's export production grows every year. It was \$85-90 million in 1985, and "this year, we want to reach the \$100m. mark."

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

### MARKET STATISTICS

#### Indices:

General Share Index	114.28	+1.84%
Non-Bank Index	131.88	+5.05%
Arrangement	108.41	-0.24%
Insurance	156.91	+5.55%
Commerce, Services	141.96	+6.32%
Real Estate	162.08	+6.62%
Industrial	122.78	+5.04%
Textiles	146.53	+5.17%
Metals	114.75	+1.28%
Electronics	103.25	+3.94%
Chemicals	124.51	+5.16%
Industrial Invest.	118.82	+5.63%
Investment Corp.	131.77	+4.22%
General Bond Index	104.11	+0.27%
Index-linked Bonds	104.23	+0.34%
Fully-linked	108.12	+0.35%
Partially-linked	102.97	+0.33%
Dollar-linked Bonds	100.58	-0.04%
Short-term 0-1 yrs	102.85	-0.13%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	103.69	+0.35%
Long-term 5+ yrs	104.13	+0.20%

#### Turnovers:

Shares — total	NIS 13,985,600
Arrangement	NIS 1,895,900
Non-bank	NIS 12,089,700
Bonds — total	NIS 6,306,200
Index-linked	NIS 4,064,800
Dollar-linked	NIS 2,241,400
Treasury Bills	NIS 2,656,200

<b>Share Movements:</b>	
Advances	334 (264)
of which 5+ "buyers only"	196 (126)
Declines	47 (34)
of which 5+ "sellers only"	13 (25)
Unchanged	1 (1)
Trading Halt	45 (78)

<b>Bond Market Trends:</b>	
Index-linked	10.77%
3% fully-linked	Rises to 1.5%

4.25% fully-linked	80% linked	Movements to 1%
80% linked	Double-linked	Rises to 1%
Double-linked	Dollar-linked	Slight movements
Dollar-linked	Admiral	Slight rises
Rimon	Gilboa	Falls to 1%
Falls to 1%	denominated	Mixed to 0.5%
Mixed to 0.5%	Treasury Bills	Falls to 2%
Falls to 2%	(monthly yield)	Mixed to 2%
Mixed to 2%		1.42% to 1.58%

<b>Arrangement yields:</b>	
IDB ord.	11.66%
Union 0.1	11.59%
Discount A	11.40%
Mizrahi r.	11.54%
Hapoalim r.	11.80%
General A	10.77%
Leumi stock	11.64%
Fin. Trade 1	10.22%

### SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	% change
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Commercial Banks			
(not part of "arrangement")			
Maritime 1	1320	10674	+10.0
General non-arr.	31150	338.0	-
First in 1	3672	7388	+9.5
FBI	3650	8068	+7.4

Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDB r	81000	276	-
Union 0.1	60350	30	-1.0
Discount	104000	31	-1.3
Mizrahi	33430	564	-
Hapoalim r	54850	948	-
General A	143500	18	-
Leumi 0.1	348602031	-0.4	-
Fin. Trade	47945	1	-0.1

<b>Mortgage Banks</b>			
Leumi Mort. r	3780	b.o.1	+5.0
Dev. Mort.	1080	2985	+9.1
Mizrahi r	2200	866	+9.3
Tefahot r	11900	51	+8.2

Marav r	3883	b.o.1	+5.0
<b>Financial Institutions</b>			
Agri C	36800	3	+1.7
Ind. Dev. PD	no trading		
Cla Leasing 0.1	9181	b.o.1	+5.0
<b>Insurance</b>			

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Aravit 0.1 r	4704	b.o.1	+5.0
Hassafar	504	54036	+5.0
Phoenix 0.1	1484	1086	+3.4
Hemlehmur	6850	120	+3.6
Memorah 1	7588	98	+15.0
Sahar 1	4288	b.o.1	+5.0
Zion Hold. 1	17270	87	-

<b>Trade &amp; Services</b>			
Meir Ezer	4440	42	—
Supersol 2	4430	2742	+7.5
Delek r.	6250	5907	+7.1
Lighterage	3300	67	+10.7

Supersol 2	4430	3742	+7.5
Delek r	6250	5607	+7.1
Lighterage	9300	67	+10.7
	not trading		
Dan Hotels	4150	326	+9.8
Garden Hotel	3183	1085	-
Hilon 1	12485	b.o.1	+5.0
Team 1	1950	1200	+8.3

	1996	1995	1994
<b>Real Estate, Building and Agriculture</b>			
Azorim	4960	10547	+9.3
Bilon	440	8390	+5.0
Africa Int. 0.1	36340	430	+2.5
Bankover	4015	281	+10.0
Prop. & Bldg.	2705	4165	+5.3
Rayside 0.1	4310	491	+8.3
DJC r.	44000	277	+5.1

<b>Elron</b>	386000	5	+1.8
Arit	34595	480	+10.2
Cla Electronics	2889	7409	+10.0
Spectronic 1	1887	3484	+5.6
T.A.T. 1	3296	360	—
Adarstein 1	1618	523	+6.6
Agan 5	17800	361	—
Alliance	1296	483	+4.0
Dexter	3300	271	—
General A	4130	b.o.1	+5.0
Haifa Chem.	888	3921	+4.7
Teva r.	57000	223	+5.6
Dead Sea r.	14920	4788	+5.5
Petrochem.	494	38814	10.0
Nasa Chem.	3430	59	+2.1
Frustrum	15100	364	+4.4
Nadara Paper	179000	148	+5.9
Central Trade	8600	575	+9.3

<b>Koor p</b>	5100000	1.2	+2.0
Cla Inds.	1328	7258	—

Deva s r	57000	223	+5.6
Tea Sea r	14820	4788	+5.5
Petrochem.	494	38814	10.0
Neon Chem.	3430	59	+2.1
Frutrom	15100	364	+4.4
Hadani Paper	179000	148	+5.9
Central Trade	9600	576	+9.3
Koor p	5100000	1.2	+2.0
Clal Inds.	1328	7259	-

Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r	3790	4606	+8.5
Ellern	2651	1551	+6.0
Afik 1	no trading		
Gahelet	1340	29	+2.3
Israel Corp. 1	6935	409	+5.0
Wolfson 1 r	121000	13	+10.0
Investment Inc	4420	1388	+7.8

Hapofim Inv.	4420	1388	+7.8
Leumi Invest.	3995	1329	+5.0
Discount Invest.	2221	8682	+6.2
Mizrahi Invest.	17595	183	-
Cial 10	2200	11463	-
Landeco 0.1	8302	65	-
Pama 0.1	8479	b.a.1	+5.0

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### Israel Money Markets April 14, 1986

**SHEKEL INTEREST RATES**  
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month  
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	14.4	8-13.75%	8-14%	8-14.75%
HAPOALIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	9.4	7-13%	7-13%	9-14%
MIZRAHI	6.4	6-13%	6-14%	6-18%
FIRST INT'L	12.3	6-13%	7-13%	6-13%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.  
(Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest.  
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 58 days.)

### PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of April 14)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	6.850	6.850	6.250
STG	9.250	8.750	8.500
DMK	3.750	3.750	3.750
SFR	3.375	3.375	3.250
YEN	3.250	3.125	3.125

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

### SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		BANK OF ISRAEL <i>Representative Rates</i>
		<i>Purchase</i>	<i>Sale</i>	<i>Purchase</i>	<i>Sale</i>	
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1	1.4708	1.52	1.4682	1.4815
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	1	2.1716	2.14	2.24	2.1988
GERMANY	MARK	1	0.6355	0.6434	0.83	0.6407
FRANCE	FRANC	1	0.1996	0.2021	0.19	0.21
FRANCE	HOLLAND	1	0.5844	0.5715	0.56	0.58
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1	0.7803	0.7688	0.76	0.78
SWEDEN	KRONA	1	0.2011	0.2036	0.20	0.21
NORWAY	KRONE	1	0.2030	0.2055	0.20	0.21
DENMARK	KRONE	1	0.1725	0.1747	0.17	0.18
FINLAND	MARKKA	1	0.2226	0.2261	0.22	0.29
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	1.0565	1.0687	1.04	1.08
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1	1.0643	1.0675	1.00	1.10
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1	0.7258	0.7349	0.48	0.54
BELGIUM	FRANC	10	0.3110	0.3148	0.31	0.32
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	10	0.3058	0.3171	0.28	0.34
ITALY	LIRE	1000	0.937	0.9393	0.91	0.96
JAPAN	YEN	100	0.8217	0.8320	0.81	0.84
JORDAN	DINAR	1	—	—	4.01	4.25
EGYPT	POUND	1	—	—	0.79	0.84



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## Saving swap

SUDDENLY, the cabinet crisis is over, or at least so it seems. But in the process portfolios were swapped which presumably were previously held by professionals and are now given to amateurs, more or less.

Moshe Nissim, an attorney-at-law, sounded literally apologetic on leaving the Justice Ministry for the Treasury, a *terra incognita* for him. He had, it is true, kept an eye on the industry and Trade Ministry while Ariel Sharon was fighting his *Time* battle in New York for a few weeks, but that hardly counted as qualification. Never in his life, he publicly confessed yesterday, had he thought of himself as finance minister.

His place was being taken by the ex-finance minister, Yitzhak Moda'i, and he too had sacrificed himself on the nation's altar, for plainly he would now have to spend more than a little time brushing up on his law. He had himself taken a law degree late in life, but his forte was engineering, and even more so economics. That was why he had made such a successful finance minister.

But had he? The insidious thesis is indeed now gaining ground that to be a success at his job a cabinet minister must have specific professional qualifications. That is nonsensical: professional qualifications need not be an impediment, but they are hardly a *sine qua non*. In a democratic regime ministers are political decision-makers, not civil servants. That is why they have civil servants under them acting as professional advisers.

What a finance minister must understand, beyond the professionals' advice, is the economic implications of political decisions, and the political effects of economic decisions. Some formal training in economics may come in useful, but it is not absolutely essential. That is what Mr. Moda'i has himself demonstrated, especially when his performance is compared to Premier Peres's economic leadership.

Mr. Moda'i did himself in not by having an unexpected blackout on the laws of economics, but by entertaining the political delusion that he could on his own, as finance minister in a government that is not even the Likud's own but the Likud's and the Alignment's, overturn a long-time economic consensus that even his Likud predecessors had shied away from touching. If he had to leave, and leave for good, it was because he had in so many words declared his intention to use the economic crisis, and the economic retrenchment policy which it produced, to cut the Histadrut down to politically inoffensive size by throwing its enterprises to the dogs.

That is why Mr. Moda'i had to go, and that is why, despite his largely favourable public image, he turned out to be a bad finance minister.

Mr. Nissim as finance minister will not be the Alignment's dream, but at least he, unlike his Liberal colleague, is a sensible political veteran. In the Treasury he is not likely to come forward with bold initiatives and will, it may be assumed, largely depend on the advice of his civil servants.

Admittedly, an excessive dependence by a minister on departmental experts who tend to be of a conservative bent, carries its own dangers. But it is less of a threat to the public weal than the wild posturing to which Moda'i was prone. The other question, of course, is what this swap will hold in store for the country's legal system.

## The visit

THE VISIT of Pope John Paul II to the main synagogue in Rome on Sunday was, as it had been billed, an historic and unprecedented event.

Even though it did not represent a breakthrough towards genuine reconciliation between the Jewish People and the Catholic Church, the pope's address at the synagogue was itself a bold and generous gesture, considering the role of the Jews in Church history. Referring to the Jews as the "older" and "dearly beloved" brothers of the Christians, John Paul rejected any attempt by anyone - stressing anyone - to justify anti-Semitism discrimination, let alone persecution. And he went out of his way to counter traditional Church claims of superiority over Judaism by pointing out the Tora origins of Christianity's teachings on God and love.

While these sentiments had already been aired by his predecessors during the past two decades, the pope's reiteration of them could not fall entirely on deaf ears where the charge of deicide is still being hurled at the Jews. But he might have disappointed some Jews who had needlessly expected the pope to acknowledge on this occasion the Church's responsibility for centuries of bloody oppression of the Jewish People.

John Paul's failure to do so should have come as no surprise, and so too his calculated omission of Israel from the synagogue address.

His subject, it had been made clear in advance, would be religion, not politics, and the Church was greatly concerned for the safety of Christian communities affiliated with it in Arab lands. Yet while it is possible to understand Vatican reluctance regarding recognition of Israel at this time, a case can be made that the Church should at least explicitly disavow the implicit Catholic doctrine that views Exile as right punishment of the Jews for their sins.

Nevertheless, the pope must be given his due. It was he who on Easter, two years ago, for the first time in Vatican annals upheld the right of "the Jewish People in the State of Israel" to enjoy "the desired security and due tranquility."

And, however modest the step taken by the Bishop of Rome in his synagogue visit on Sunday, its significance for improved Jewish-Christian relations must not be underestimated. It must also be recognized that improved relations are a two-way street, and that there are Jews, Israel's Ashkenazi chief rabbi among them, who shrink in horror from any ties with the gentiles, whether they be Moslem or Catholic.

# Courts in crisis

RALPH AMELAN

FRUSTRATION and low morale were evident at the recent Jerusalem conference on the role of courts in society, organized by the law schools of the Hebrew University and New York University. Many of the jurists, who saw U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun receive an honorary fellowship, differed markedly on the constitutional place of judges. It became clear that the country's judicial branch is in a state of doubt, both regarding what its future role should be and what public support it can count on.

According to Shimon Shetreet, a member of the Hebrew University law faculty, the Israeli judiciary is in a paradoxical position. Although it has recently begun to assert itself more against the executive branch, and although the public is applying to the courts in new areas, its position in other respects has been substantially eroded.

Shetreet, in a paper which he read to the conference, stated that the increase in the courts' role was due to two factors. Firstly, the public has come to realize that the Knesset, the government and the public administration have failed to solve the problems that confront them. The courts, in particular the High Court of Justice, are seen as an instrument for putting matters to rights.

Secondly, the government itself has deliberately shifted awkward questions to the courts, not wishing to bear the political cost of the decision. The price paid for the avoidance of political embarrassment has been the increased involvement of the judiciary in politics. This involvement has even extended to matters of internal Knesset procedure, such as when Meir Kahane applied to the High Court in an attempt to overturn an adverse ruling of the Speaker preventing him from submitting a bill.

Another indication of the erosion of the judiciary's position is the heavy public pressure encountered during highly charged trials. In the trial of former Tami minister Aharon Abuhazra, the judge was the target of ethnic abuse, and the bench in the Jewish Underground terror trial was subjected to ideologically motivated diatribes from various sections of the community.

"The position of the judiciary in Israel somewhat resembles that of the shorn Samson... it has undergone a considerable diminution in its power and prestige," concluded Shetreet.

BUT WHAT can the judges do about it, if anything?

The power of the judges is limited. The court has to wait for others to bring their disputes before it; it cannot descend upon injustice uninvited. Also, having neither sword nor purse, it depends on the goodwill of the executive branch and on the respect of the people for the effective-

tive enforcement of its judgments.

For all that, the judge is generally recognized as an unbiased non-political figure. Commissions of inquiry into politically delicate subjects, such as the Sabra and Shatila massacres and the stabilization of bank shares, have been headed by judges. So far, the judiciary has not forfeited any respect as a result of these forays into the political arena, even though politically inspired attacks were directed against it at the time.

Can the courts exploit their moral capital?

Judge Ya'acov Turkel, president of the Beersheba District Court, believes that the judiciary has to

**'The courts' activism indicates a lack of automatic trust in the authorities'**

rethink its place and mission in society. "The judiciary system does not meet the challenges presented to it by the ongoing social crisis. The sad reality is that we keep walking our old and worn paths."

The present crisis manifests itself in a number of ways. Examples cited by Turkel included the acceptance of perjury as a normal part of the judicial process, the growing problem of police brutality and the low ethical standards of lawyers.

"We have to decide whether we should be the 'flag bearers' and enforce standards we believe in, even if they are not acceptable to the majority, or should we be guided by the 'spirit of the time'?" This, according to Turkel, is the central question of the judicial crisis.

At least in dealing with the problems specifically raised by Turkel, there are laws at hand. Whether the will to make use of them is lacking is a moot point, but perjury, brutal policemen and dishonest lawyers must reckon with the possibility of formal proceedings against them.

What course of action is open to a court that decides an existing statute or administrative order is unjust, or should not be applied in a given case?

The usual rule in democratic states is that the legislature is supreme.

## READERS' LETTERS

### BRITISH-ISRAELI TRADE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - Reporting on British Ambassador William Squire's address to the Tel Aviv Commercial and Industrial Club (April 3), your correspondent Avi Temkin suggests that the British Foreign Office had been authenticating the "kashrut" of British firms to facilitate their compliance with the Arab boycott.

In fact, the authentication of boycott-related documents applied only to the signatures of notaries public thereon, an irritant which has now been discontinued not as much as "after years of Israeli protests," but after unrelenting pressure by the anti-boycott coordination committee of our chamber. This committee continues to press the Department of Trade and Industry to be more positive in its guidance to British firms which, whilst deploring the boycott, continues to state that it is a matter for their own commercial judgement.

In the same report, it is stated that, in 1985, Israel sold merchandise worth \$477m. to the UK and imported goods worth \$755m. The basis of calculation in Israel is quite different from that of the British official statistics which report British

imports from Israel in 1985 of £404m. and British exports to Israel of £434m. The UK is Israel's second largest market for goods and the fourth largest source of Israel's imports. We are by no means complacent, nor can it be denied that two-way trade could be substantially improved.

We reiterate to British firms the undoubted opportunities for their goods in Israel. When considering importing, Israel should take into account the competitiveness of the British market due to the current dollar-sterling exchange rate, as British goods enjoy a reputation for quality, price and delivery. It is also clear that there will only be a growth in Israel's exports if there is an improvement in Israeli marketing techniques.

The facilities of our chamber are available to all businessmen. All that is required is membership of our chamber or of our sister chamber in Israel, the Israel-British Chamber of Commerce.

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## Dry Bones



thority Prof. Mauro Cappelletti, these countries "all embraced constitutionalism and judicial review as a reaction against their tragic experiences." To put it plainly, judicial review had to be introduced, because authority could no longer be trusted.

The second pointer was contained in the paper given by Prof. Ruth Gavison of the Hebrew University law faculty. She maintained that at certain times the judiciary has to be supportive of the government and not substitute its own judgment for that of the authorities. There should be some presumption of good faith in favour of the government. In short, the judiciary must trust the government.

But trust is a two-way street. And if the executive and the legislature stand by while judicial salaries and conditions suffer, or even intervene to frustrate the decisions of the court (as happened in one recent case, where a person was pardoned despite a Supreme Court decision to increase his sentence), there is bound to be a reaction of some sort.

The courts' activism is more than just the judges' way of demonstrating for more pay, for it indicates a lack of automatic trust in the authorities. The belief that the judiciary should have the power to overrule laws passed by the Knesset is also an expression of doubt in the ability of the Knesset to legislate fairly and to amend its mistakes. If there is now a tendency to require the executive to justify its actions in security matters before a court - something unheard of a few years ago - this probably indicates doubt whether the executive is justified in its actions in every case.

Such doubts may or may not be well-founded; the point is that the judiciary no longer feels the same trust in the powers that be. Whether this shift is due to its own sense of being hard done by, or to the feeling that other governmental institutions are powerless to deal with such matters as the growth of racism and the persistence of a polarized society, is hard to tell.

Of course, other factors complicate the issue. But the judicial crisis in Israel should not remain the exclusive topic of lawyers and professors of law. In part, it is also a crisis of government.

The writer is a barrister and a member of The Jerusalem Post staff

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## POSTSCRIPTS

**P.S.** INDIA will overtake China to become the most populous country by the year 2100, by which time the world population will have reached 10.4 billion, according to a recent report published in Washington by a private American institute.

The report by the Population Reference Bureau said that the population of many countries would continue to increase, if at a slower rate, for several decades before "tapering off."

India, with 1.6 billion inhabitants (against 785 million today) will overtake China (1.5 billion compared to 1 billion) by 2100. Nigeria will take third place, with 508.9 million (compared to 105.4 now), followed by the Soviet Union with 375.9 million against 280 million, the report said.

The Israel Colloquium for the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science announces that

Prof. Jack Morrell's lecture scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 1986 is cancelled

The next lecture of The Israel Colloquium will take place as scheduled on Thursday, May 15, at The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Albert Einstein Square, Jerusalem.